

## CHAPTER 8

### SECTION 1.7

# PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PFPWD): ELIGIBILITY QUALIFYING CONDITION - SERIOUS PHYSICAL DISABILITY

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## I. POLICY

A. Any physiological disorder or condition or anatomical loss affecting one or more body systems which has lasted, or with reasonable certainty is expected to last, for a minimum period of twelve (12) contiguous months, and which precludes the person with the disorder, condition or anatomical loss from unaided performance of at least one of the following major life activities is a PFPWD qualifying condition: breathing, cognition, hearing, seeing, and age appropriate ability essential to bathing, dressing, eating, grooming, speaking, stair use, toilet use, transferring, and walking.

B. For a beneficiary less than 3 years of age, a developmental delay qualifies as a serious physical disability when the score on the standardized diagnostic psychometric tests of motor function is 2 standard deviations below the mean.

C. The following conditions (ICD-9-CM codes cited) are considered serious physical disabilities for the purpose of establishing a PFPWD qualifying condition:

1. Infantile cerebral palsy: 343.0 through 343.9.
2. Spina bifida: 741.0 through 741.93
3. Vision: 369.01 through 369.08 inclusive; 369.11 through 369.14 inclusive; 369.21; 369.22; 369.4.
4. Hearing-Testable Patients, as determined by audiologic function tests:
  - a. a hearing threshold level of 45 decibels or greater in one ear; or by
  - b. a hearing threshold level of 30 decibels or greater in both ears; or by
  - c. speech discrimination of 60% or poorer with either ear.
5. Hearing-Non-testable Patients:
  - a. Where pure tone audiometry or speech discrimination testing is not available or reliable, the attending physician must submit documentation which demonstrates the

**patient is unable to engage in basic productive activities of daily living expected of unimpaired persons of the same age group.**

6. Breathing: Total reliance upon a respirator.
7. Acquired or congenital total loss, or loss of use, of an arm or leg.

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